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The current issue of School Programs Commodity Update, published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is enclosed for your information. This issue contains articles providing updates on the food distribution program. This and previous editions of the School Programs Commodity Update are posted on the USDA Food Distribution website at [www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/menu/administration/improvements/newsinfo.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/menu/administration/improvements/newsinfo.htm).

As you will note on page three of the newsletter, USDA has produced a training video entitled *Commodities 101* that provides recipient agencies with basic information regarding the commodity food program. Copies of this video may be purchased for \$4.00, plus shipping and handling, from the National Food Service Management Institute through their website at [www.nfsmi.org](http://www.nfsmi.org) or by calling 1-800-321-3054.

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